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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

In the first paragraph of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings submitted with the application. Applicants note that formal drawings, which included the English labels, were submitted on July 19, 2001. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants resubmit the formal drawings herewith. Thus, Applicants submit that the objection has been overcome.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1 and 10 are in independent form. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7-11, 13 and 16-18 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Tsukamoto et al ("Tsukamoto"), U.S.P. 5,748,585. In addition, the